

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Department of Public Safety, established under section 26-14.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is headed by the Director of Public Safety. The Department provides a statewide system for the safety of people from crimes, and for offender management to Hawaii's criminal justice system among the police, prosecutors, courts, corrections, parole, and other public safety agencies. The Department's mission statement is: "to provide for the safety of the public and state facilities through law enforcement and correctional management." The Department is committed to reflecting the following principles in its daily decisions and actions:

- Safety: providing a safe and healthy environment for staff and offenders;
- Efficiency: providing quality services that are cost effective;
- Professionalism: upholding the integrity of our profession;
- Empowerment and accountability: commitment to self-development for staff as well as offenders, while accepting responsibility for our own decisions and actions, and recognizing our relative responsibility for others;
- Loyalty: supporting each other and what we stand for; and
- Respect and humane treatment: recognizing and respecting the diversity of all individuals and treating all people -- staff and offenders -- with dignity and respect

Administration Division

Through its Administration Division, the Department achieves its mission by planning, evaluating, and monitoring expenditures; planning and implementing capital improvement projects; providing statistical data on inmate populations; managing the procurement of goods and services; administering a statewide training program for uniformed and non-uniformed employees; providing personnel services, management information, and administrative policies and procedures; and enforcing civil rights compliance.

Law Enforcement Division

Through its Law Enforcement Division, the Department preserves the peace and protects the public in designated areas by providing security for state property and facilities and enforcing specified laws and rules for the prevention and control of crime.

Protective Services Division. This Protective Services Division provides for the security and safety of all persons -- employees and the public -- within the buildings and upon the premises under its control. Its officers are responsible for the arrest and legal processing of

violators of statutes committed within their presence or under probable cause situations authorized by law. The Division also cooperates and coordinates with other enforcement agencies in matters of mutual concern involving public safety and the apprehension and detention of law violators.

Narcotics Enforcement Division. The Narcotics Enforcement Division provides for public protection and safety through the promotion of voluntary compliance with the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the investigation and apprehension of violators of prohibited acts under provisions of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act and part IV (offenses related to drugs and intoxicating compounds), chapter 712 (offenses against public health and morals), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Sheriff Division. The Sheriff Division provides for public safety in three areas: (1) providing security to all persons and property within and on the premises controlled by the Judiciary of the State of Hawaii; (2) providing expeditious service and execution of all court papers and/or orders assigned to the Division; and (3) responding to requests under statutory authority for assistance in matters concerning public safety.

Executive Protection Unit. Through the Executive Protection Unit, dignitary protection is provided to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor and their families, and to members of the legislature, judges, visiting officials, and others as assigned.

Corrections Division

Through its Corrections Division, the Department provides for the care and custody of all persons committed by the courts or detained pending judicial disposition of criminal charges; for the supervision and monitoring of persons released from confinement upon proper authority; and for services which enable such persons to acquire skills necessary for them to function in the general community in a law-abiding manner.

Institutions Division. The Institutions Division's primary responsibilities are to provide an effective offender management and service delivery system commensurate with the needs of the offender, the institutions, and the public. This includes the need to provide a secure, humane, safe, and constructive environment for the custodial care of offenders, and meaningful programs and services that are beneficial to the offenders. The Division maintains facilities and programs for the detention of adults pending judicial decisions, and redirects adults sentenced to incarceration.

Intake Service Centers Division (ISCD). The Intake Service Centers Division is responsible for admission and release screening, pretrial, presentence, post-sentence, and related investigations and evaluations of all offenders. The ISCD also provides supervision to offenders placed in conditional release programs by the courts. The Division provides social, physical, and mental health screening and assessments of offenders for diversionary purposes, and identifies custody and care needs of the offender population.

Corrections Program Services Division. The Corrections Program Services Division delivers a range of services and resources that provides offenders with opportunities to develop skills and abilities necessary for them to function in the community in a productive, law-abiding manner. Various correctional programs provide education, vocational training, work opportunities, substance abuse and sex offender treatment, and counseling.

Health Care Services Division. The Health Care Services Division attends to the medical, dental, and mental health needs of all persons under the jurisdiction of the Department. It also ensures that meals served meet recognized nutritional standards, and that measures are taken to prevent the outbreak and spread of illness and/or disease.

Correctional Industries Division. Correctional Industries provides comprehensive work programs for all qualified, able-bodied inmates. These programs are mandated to: generate revenue to sustain their operation and allow for capital investment; provide specific training skills for offenders that increase their employment prospects when they return to their community; provide a maximum level of work for all qualified, able-bodied inmates; provide an environment for the operation similar to that of a private business operation; encourage cooperative training ventures with the private sector; and provide low-cost construction, renovations, and repairs of facilities for government agencies and non-profit organizations.

Agencies Attached for Administrative Purposes

Hawaii Paroling Authority

The Hawaii Paroling Authority, established under section 353-61, Hawaii Revised Statutes, serves as the central paroling authority for the State. The Authority considers all committed persons for parole except in cases where the penalty of life imprisonment without parole has been imposed. It establishes the minimum terms of imprisonment, grants or denies parole, revokes parole whenever necessary, and provides supervision of paroled individuals. The Authority also investigates and makes recommendations on applications for gubernatorial pardons.

The three members of the Hawaii Paroling Authority are appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, from a list of nominees submitted by a panel composed of the Chief Justice, the Director of Public Safety, the President of the Hawaii Correctional Association, the President of the Hawaii State Bar Association, the head of the Hawaii Council of Churches, a public member appointed by the Governor, and the President of the Hawaii Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission, established under section 351-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, consists of three members appointed by the Governor with the advice

and consent of the Senate. The Commission plans, develops, implements, and maintains a statewide program to aid victims of criminal acts, by providing compensation to victims of certain crimes or dependents of deceased victims, and indemnification of private citizens for personal injury or property damage suffered in the prevention of crime or apprehension of a criminal.

Correctional Industries Advisory Committee

The Correctional Industries Advisory Committee, established under section 354D-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, consists of nine members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate: a Chairperson designated by the Governor, and at least two private sector representatives and two labor union representatives. The Director of Public Safety serves as an ex officio nonvoting member of the Committee.

